

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Bill J. Pope, et al.)
Application No.: 09/494,240)
Filed: January 30, 2000)
For: DIAMOND-SURFACED FEMORAL HEAD)
FOR USE IN A PROSTHETIC JOINT)
Examiner: Archene A. Turner)
Group Art Unit: 1775)
Attorney Docket: 05261.015/6056 P)

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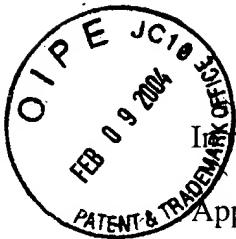
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Dated this 6th day of February, 2004.

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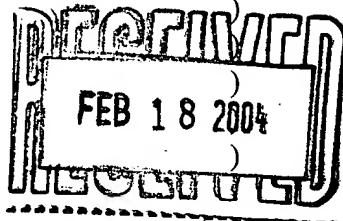
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RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2003 ("Office Action"), Applicants submit herewith this Response with Remarks, a Terminal Disclaimer and fee. This paper is intended to be fully responsive to each of the points made by the Examiner in the Office Action.